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To: Radiology Clinics, Physicians, Oral Surgeons, Nurse Practitioners, Dentists, Public Health, Hospitals, ASC, FQHC, RHC, CRS, and EPSDT Providers

RE: Effective Date of Radiology Prior Authorization Program

The effective date of the Radiology Prior Authorization Program has been changed from February 2, 2009 to March 2, 2009. Medicaid will allow a grace period from March 2nd through March 31st. Providers will be required to submit prior authorizations during this grace period. Medicaid will not deny any claims for these services performed from March 2nd through March 31st due to no prior authorization. However, beginning on April 1, 2009, any claims that are submitted for these radiological services for dates of service April 1, 2009 and thereafter without prior approval will be denied. The Medicaid Contractor for this program, MedSolutions, will be sending further information soon.

Providers with questions may contact Teresa Thomas, Program Manager, Lab/X-ray services at teresa.thomas@medicaid.alabama.gov or by phone at (334) 242-5048.

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